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SUBJ: REACTION TO ISRAELI/UGANDA RAID

1. WHATEVER THE LEGALITIES OF THE MATTER MAY BE, IT IS APPARENT HERE IN URUGUAY THAT ISRAEL IS WINNING HIGH PRAISE FOR THE DARING, BRILLIANCE AND SUCCESS OF ITS OPERATION TO FREE HOSTAGES FROM UGANDA'S ENTEBBE AIRPORT. ALL AMBASSADORS I HAVE SPOKEN TO, AND THEY WERE MANY, WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR HIGH PRAISE-AND ADMIRATION FOR THE ACT--LIKEWISE, URUGUAY'S HIGHEST OFFICIALS.

2. AT OUR 4TH OF JULY RECEPTION SUNDAY NIGHT, INNUMERABLE GUESTS ASKED WHETHER THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WAS PRESENT AS THEY SOUGHT TO CONGRATULATE HIM. IT IS CLEARLY APPARENT THAT SUCH FEELINGS OVERRODE RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY IN VIEW OF A HIGHER RESPECT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT, CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF INNOCENT HOSTAGES, AND REVULSION OVER THE WAY IN WHICH SMALL BANDS OF TERRORISTS HAVE SO EASILY AND FREQUENTLY HAD THEIR WAY OVER GOVERNMENTS, POWER AND LAW ABIDING SOCIETY ITSELF.

3. EL PAIS, URUGUAY'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER CALLED THE ACTION "NOT ONLY JUSTIFIED BUT MERITING THE PRAISE AND THE SUPPORT OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD". EL PAIS FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY ISRAEL WAS PERHAPS PRECISELY WHAT IS NEEDED IN SUCH CASES

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AS LONG AS THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD DO NOT ACCEPT WORLDWIDE

LEGISLATION WHICH DEALS WITH TERRORISTS WHO HIGHJACK AIRPLANES.
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